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SUBJ: KREISKY'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG

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1. IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION ON CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S
NOVEMBER 20-21 VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG PROVIDED REFTEL, MFA
POLITICAL DIRECTOR MERTZ TOLD US THAT KREISKY MENTIONED THE
JANUARY 28 INAUGURATION OF NEW COUNCIL OF NEW COUNCIL OF EUROPE
BUILDING AS A
POSSIBLE DATE FOR A SUMMIT MEETING OF THE NINETEEN COUNCIL OF
EUROPE MEMBERS PLUS THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. MERTZ SAID
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THE AUSTRIANS HAD FLOATED THIS IDEA SOME OMNTHS AGO BUT HAD

NEVER FOLLOWED UP WITH A CONCRETE PROPOSAL. THE IDEA IS TO USE THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AS A FORUM FOR THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES TO DISCUSS EAST-WEST ISSUES AND COMMON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. MERTZ COMMENTED THAT IT IS OBVIOUSLY TOO LATE TO PREPARE A SUMMIT MEETING FOR JANUARY 28, BUT HE EXPECTS THE IDEA TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE JANUARY 27 IMINSTERIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

2. MERTZ SAID KREISKY ALSO TOLD PRIME MINISTER THORN THAT THERE WOULD BE A SUMMIT MEETING OF THE EFTA STATES IN VIENNA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. KREISKY REPORTEDLY SIAD THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE TO SEE IF A COMMON EFTA STRATEGY COULD BE DEVELOPED FOR CLOSER AND MORE REGUALR CONTACTS BETWEEN EFTA AND THE EC NINE. MERTZ SAID THESE EFFORTS BY KREISKY APPEAR TO BE AIMED AT REDUCING AUSTRIA'S SENSE OF ISOLATION ON BOTH EAST-WEST AND ECONOMIC ISSUES.

3. THERE WAS ALSO DISCUSSION DURING THE CHANCELLOR'S VISIT OF GOA INTEREST IN ATTRACTING MORE UN AGENCIES TO VIENNA. KREISKY EXPLAINED THAT AUSTRIA'S "UN CITY" BUILDINGS HAD BEEN OVERCONSTRUCTED AND THE EMPTY SPACE IS A SOURCE OF SERIOUS CONCERN TO THE GOA. MERTZ SAID THAT KREISKY LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT A SOLUTION IS NEAR TO BEING WORKED OUT BY THE GOA, THE UN SECRETARIAT IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED STATES. GINN

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